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### 20 Of 48 States To Permit Voting By Federal Ballot

### Men From Other States Must Apply To Vote As Absentees

WASHINGTON, July 18—Twenty of the 48 states will permit voting by Federal ballot in the November election, according to a War Department circular just released following the expiration of the time limit on July 15 under which states could approve its use.

The following states certified that they would accept the Federal ballot from men overseas as an auxiliary to their state absentee ballot: California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont and Washington.

Members of the armed forces, "attached civilians," and members of the merchant marine from all but two of these states can use the Federal ballot if they take an oath that they applied for a state ballot before Sept. 1 and did not receive one before October 1. Florida doesn't include attached civilians and Georgia allows the Federal ballot only to members of the armed forces.

Soldiers from the other 28 states will be able to vote only by state absentee ballots. Many soldiers who vote the Federal ballot may later receive the state ballot for which they had applied. In that case voting officers say that the state ballot should be executed and mailed also. If it arrives in time, the state instead of the Federal ballot will be counted.

State ballots have the advantage of covering Federal and state electoral offices, while the Federal ballot must necessarily omit state office seekers.

A new War Department circular also sets up the procedure for voting the Federal ballot by eligible men departing from an overseas station for the U. S. who won't arrive until after October. Thus men returning on hospital ships, on rotation, or under orders will get a chance to vote en route, say voting officials.

### Ammo Blast Causes Heavy Casualties

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18—Two ammunition ships being loaded at the Port Chicago U. S. naval depot in upper San Francisco Bay exploded last night, erupting in flames visible for a hundred miles and causing "heavy casualties" and extensive damage, 12th Naval District Headquarters announced today.

"Casualties will be heavy but not as severe as early unofficial reports indicated," the Navy told United Press. Early estimates ranged as high as 650 dead and injured.

As the Navy continued its investigation, officers estimated that between 200 and 250 officers and enlisted men could be listed "missing and presumed dead." An additional 100 Navy personnel have been taken to hospitals.

Two vessels docked beside a loading wharf either were destroyed or damaged badly and the personnel of these craft suffered heaviest.

### Brazilians In Italy

WASHINGTON, July 18—The Brazilian Expeditionary Force arrived in Naples July 16 to join Allied armies in Italy, it was announced officially here today. The Brazilian force has been in training for an extensive period of time.

## Allies Close In On Leghorn; Heavy Prussian Battle Looms

### Red Armies But 15 Miles From Reich

MOSCOW, July 18—Soviet armies consolidated their positions on the west bank of the Niemen River within 15 miles of East Prussia today and poised themselves for a drive to the southeast corner of Hitlerland in the region of the Masurian Lakes where the great Russo-German battles were fought in the last war.

As the Russian drive sped on, fortification fever was reported sweeping the East Prussian border. Civilians have been ordered to dig in and the Germans may attempt a stand before the Soviets reach the lakes. It was here in 1914 that German and Russian armies staged their mighty struggles, ending in a victory for German armies under Marshals Ludendorff and von Hindenberg at Tanneberg.

Farther north, front-line reports indicated that Soviet armies had opened an assault on Kaunas, Lithuanian capital and bastion guarding the straight road to Koenigsberg through the Prussian city of Insterberg. Its fall also would pave the way for a Russian drive on Tilsit in Northern East Prussia close to the Baltic.

Other Red armies were speeding for Brest-Litovsk and Bialystok, twin bastions covering the route to Warsaw and central Poland. A sensational dash by Marshal Rokossovsky's forces brought them 40

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### German Plants Attacked By 15th AAF Bombers

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, July 18—Liberators, with a Lightning escort, bombed the Manzell Dornier aircraft factory at Friedrichshafen, on the north shore of Lake Constance, southwest of Munich, in southern Germany, in a heavy raid today, it was reported at 15th AAF headquarters. Flying Fortresses, with Mustangs escorting, hit the Memmingen airdrome, 60 miles west of Munich.

The sweeps into southern Germany met with large numbers of German fighters and flak was intense. Several enemy planes were destroyed. Early reports indicated hits were scored in the bombing forays.

## FDR Endorses Wallace, Gives Dems Free Hand

CHICAGO, July 18—President Roosevelt let it be known today he would vote for the renomination of Henry A. Wallace for Vice President if he were a delegate to the Democratic convention but left it to the convention itself to make the choice, the Associated Press reported.

Sen. Samuel Jackson, of Indiana, permanent chairman of the convention, made public a letter from Mr. Roosevelt saying he did not wish to appear to be dictating to the party conclave.

The Wallace supporters immediately hailed the Presidential endorsement as insuring renomination, but in the opposition camps the emphasis was upon Mr. Roosevelt's assertion "obviously the convention must do the deciding." The letter, dated July 14 from Hyde Park, N. Y., follows:

"In the light of the probability

### Tojo Loses Job As Chief Of Japan's General Staff

WASHINGTON, July 18—Premier Hideki Tojo has been removed as chief of the Japanese general staff, Tokio radio reported tonight.

The broadcast said General Yoshijiro Umezu, Commander in Chief of the Kwantung army, who at present is in Manchuria, has been appointed to succeed Tojo.

The announcement gave no indication of whether Tojo will remain as Premier but his removal was seen here as an indication that Japan's war lords are greatly worried over the turn of events in the Pacific.

Tojo's ouster followed closely the shakeup in the Japanese naval command announced yesterday which saw Admiral Shigetaro Shimada fired as Navy Minister. Admiral Shimada, who was succeeded by Admiral Naokuni Nomura, was the fourth top-ranking Jap naval officer to be dismissed or disappear since the war started.

Removal of Tojo came as a complete surprise for it had been supposed that he controlled the Jap government with an iron grip. Recent bombings of Japan's homeland and U. S. successes in all phases of the Pacific campaign apparently loosened his hold.

## Tremendous Drive Opened In France

SHAEF, July 18—British and Canadian troops of the 2nd Army, supported by the greatest air bombardment in history, opened a major attack east of the Orne River and southeast of Caen, General Dwight Eisenhower announced in a special communique tonight. More than 1,600 British and American heavy bombers, more than 500 mediums and hundreds of fighter bombers saturated the battle area before the attack opened under General Sir Bernard Law Montgomery.

SHAEF, July 18—St. Lo, the vital communications center and source of power for a large part of Normandy, is firmly in American hands, it was officially announced late today.

Organized German resistance north and northeast of St. Lo collapsed this morning after a week of fierce fighting around the town. Hitler's crack paratroopers, some of whom fought at Cassino, began to withdraw last night and the evacuation was carried out under heavy American pressure.

On the eastern side of St. Lo two miles away, the village of

Martinville was captured by the Americans in the face of intensified mortar fire. Berlin said the place changed hands six times yesterday.

Yank spearheads threatened to cut the main St. Lo-Perriers lateral road in two places, and one of Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley's patrols was only 200 yards away from the highway. Another American column drove within two miles of Perriers.

On the west coast 1st Army troops were reported to have entered Lessay from the west and east after making crossings of the flooded Ay River.

In the Evreux sector fighting was every bit as hard although some ground was gained.

### U. S. Bombers Attack Flying Bomb Sites

LONDON, July 18—American air power was turned full blast on Germany's latest weapons today when between 500 and 750 Forts and Liberators blasted the Nazi experimental stations at Peenemunde and Zinnowitz on the Baltic seacoast.

Peenemunde, which was attacked several months ago by RAF bombers is known as an experimental station for both flying bombs and long-range rockets.

More attacks on the supply dumps for flying bombs were made yesterday by 8th AAF heavies over the Pas de Calais area both in the morning and evening. At night RAF Halifaxes and Stirlings attacked flying bomb installations in northern France, while Mosquitoes went over Berlin.

### Last Call For Mauldin Cartoons In Book Form

The Bill Mauldin cartoons in book form are still around in a limited quantity. There won't be any more printed after the present lot are sold out.

Units and individuals who want to buy them should drop into the circulation office of Stars and Stripes, 152 Via del Tritone and get them as soon as possible. They won't last much longer.

### Fifth Enters Pontedera, NE of Port

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, July 18—After fighting their way through difficult mountain terrain, 5th Army troops reached the Arno River this morning when American elements entered the town of Pontedera, northeast of Leghorn, marking the northernmost point of the advance in Italy. Allied forces were reported to be closing in on the great port city against continuous stubborn opposition and extensive minefields and demolitions.

[A Stars and Stripes front-line correspondent reported the fall of Leghorn appeared imminent.

After looking down on the city from a nearby hill, he said the residential section did not seem as damaged as a year of bombings and expected German demolitions might indicate. The harbor, he said, was blocked by ships sunk in each slipway.]

Polish troops of the 8th Army today effected a complete breakthrough of the German position southwest of Ancona, Adriatic port, it was also announced. The city was gravely threatened from the west and the south by the 8th Army push. Thus both ends of the 150-mile German defenses in Italy, prize coastal cities, were fast reaching an "untenable" stage.

In the middle, 8th Army armor and infantry was enlarging their Arno River bridgehead north and west of Arezzo. German resistance was stiffening in this sector, but Allied gains were reported.

Leading 5th Army troops were reported fighting their way through the last of the hill mass south of the Arno. In front of them was more level country than that through which they fought at a mile a day speed from Cecina during the last three weeks.

By a Staff Correspondent  
WITH THE FIFTH ARMY OUTSIDE LEGHORN, July 17 (Delayed)—In the tremendous effort to crack stubborn German resistance before Leghorn, American artillery today threw one of its greatest concentrations of fire in

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### Palau, Yap, Woleai Get Heavy Bombing

ALLIED SOUTH PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS, July 18—Wide-ranging Allied planes dropped 65 tons of bombs on Palau, Yap and Woleai in the western Carolines and 63 tons upon much-pounded Rabaul in New Britain, today's communique of General Douglas MacArthur reported. The exploding of a fuel dump featured the Rabaul attack.

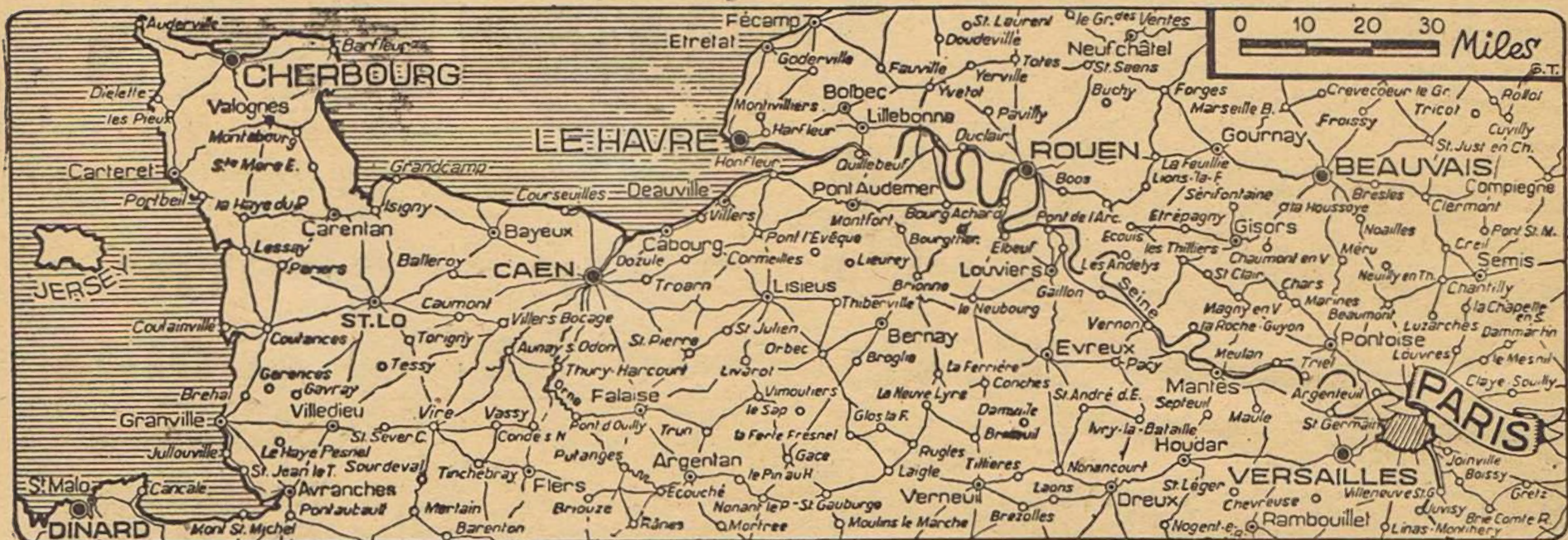
In the Aitape-Wewak area of New Guinea, where some 45,000 Japs are trapped, light enemy probing attempts to penetrate Allied positions along the Driniumor River were repulsed.

ALLIED SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, July 18—The Burmese village of Ningthoutho, Jap stronghold blocking Allied progress toward Tiddim from the Imphal area, was captured yesterday after a heavy artillery barrage, said today's communique from Southeast Asia Headquarters.

In southeastern China, according to BBC report, the Japanese have launched a renewed assault on the city of Hengyang in Hunan province. Fighting has been severe in the city suburbs, it was said.



## ALLIES FIND IT ROUGH GOING IN NORMANDY



The Germans are putting up terrific opposition against Allied attempts to break out of the Cherbourg Peninsula. But despite the enemy's use of every possible means of defense, the flower of the German infantry are slowly being chewed up and driven back. Key points in the battle line are at Lessay and St. Lo on the left flank and around Evreux in the opposite sector. Hard-fighting Americans have blasted their way into the outskirts of Lessay and St. Lo and are threatening to cut the main Paris-St. Lo lateral road. The British and Canadians are battling fiercely north-east of Evreux, but have reached the outskirts of the key town southwest of Caen.

### GIs Working With French Having Wonderful Time

By Cpl. WADE JONES  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

IN THE 5TH ARMY FRENCH SECTOR, July 18 — You probably won't believe it, but there's a battalion of American artillerymen who have been fighting with the French for more than seven months—with little or no contact with other Americans—and they still don't think of themselves as the "lost battalion," the "forgotten" battalion or any other kind of abused minority.

As a matter of fact it will suit them to fight out the rest of the war with the French. They've been fighting it that way now since Jan. 6 when they joined the French near Cassino. From positions north of Minturno they broke forward in the big offensive of May 11, fighting through hill country, and they've been fighting through hill country ever since.

#### TOUGH HILLS

Going through these tough hills is enough to make enemies out of brothers, but not of this American battalion and the French. "They fight a funny war sometimes according to our standards," says the commander of this American battalion, a West Pointer and a speaker of French. "Sometimes they fight a funny war but they fight a damn good one."

Then some of the officers and men of the outfit gathered around and explained what the colonel meant while he himself went off to get some men started on a mine-sweeping job. Among the explainers were Pfc. Harold Baker, Rockford, Ill., a reconnaissance jeep driver; T-5 Robert Higgins, Daytona, Fla., gun crewman for one of the outfit's 155 mm. howitzers; Capt. John W. Johnson, Alexander City, Ala., and Capt. George S. Vest, Norfolk, Va.

They recall the disturbing procedure the Goums used to employ in clearing the roads of mines. "They would put the mine sweepers over their shoulders without even connecting them and then walk off down the road stomping their feet

and jabbing their bayonets into the shoulders every few yards or so. Then when one of them found what he thought was a mine they would all gather around it jabbering and laughing like a bunch of kids who had found an Easter egg. But they soon got over that stuff, thank God, and now they use the detectors and are quite conscientious about it."

The French would rather fire their artillery than eat—which is saying quite a bit. Capt. Johnson told of the French commander who used a whistle as the signal to start and stop firing. "He fired his guns for 15 minutes," Johnson said, "but when he blew the whistle to cease firing one crew didn't hear it and kept right on shooting. So the commander blew his whistle at them a second time, which was a mistake. Every other gun crew used that as an excuse to start firing all over again. He had a hell of a time getting them stopped."

The Yank battalion is almost as sold on the fierce-looking Goums as they are on the French. The Goums have a most refreshing driving technique. First they think the machines will go anywhere a donkey will, so they just use the donkey driving technique, which sometimes works and sometimes doesn't. They also stop their vehicles in the middle of the road for a chat with a friend and aren't much worried about the traffic that is tied up behind them. The Goums live to gamble, and play a kind of poker, using only the face cards, which the Yanks have never quite figured out.

The Yank battalion, which has fought with every veteran American division in this theater during its two years overseas, was originally a National Guard outfit. One of its better known members is S-Sgt. Russell A. Bower, stolid, capable battalion wire sergeant from Andrews, S. C., who has been with the organization 12 years, as has his brother, Glenn. A third brother, Roma, "the rookie" has been with it only six years. The fourth of the Bower brothers, is with a tank destroyer unit in England—or Normandy. "We ain't really a war-like clan," Russell says. "We just take our combat serious."

### Minesweeper Captain Exonerated In Accident

ALLIED FORCE ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS, Italy, July 18—The captain of an American minesweeper which accidentally fired on a fast patrol craft in which Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark was traveling to the Anzio beachhead on Jan. 28 has been exonerated, it was announced yesterday.

General Clark's motor launch, a PT boat, was fired on when it approached the waters off Anzio during a "red" alert in which enemy planes and naval craft were reported in the vicinity. One naval officer and one enlisted man in the general's boat were killed, another naval officer and two enlisted men were wounded.

### Danish Patriots Still Harassing Nazi Troops

STOCKHOLM, July 18—Danish patriots are continuing their attacks on south bound German troop trains, according to the Swedish radio, which reported that part of the railway line south of Aalborg was blown up last Thursday night just before a troop train was to pass.

The German-controlled Danish radio announced recently that the remaining emergency measures imposed during the Copenhagen strike have been lifted.

### Conferences Due On World Security

WASHINGTON, July 18 — Exploratory conferences on the organization of a world security agency will be held here probably in August, Secretary of State Cordell Hull said yesterday.

"The governments signing the declaration of Moscow agreed that informal conversations and exchanges of views on the general subjects of international security organization will soon begin in Washington, probably in August," Mr. Hull's statement said.

"It has been decided, following discussions with the other governments, that the first phase of the conversations will be between representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States and the Soviet Union, and that conversations on the same subject between representatives of the U. S., United Kingdom and China will be carried on either at the same time or shortly thereafter."

President Roosevelt has already outlined a plan which would call for an organization of all nations supplemented by a council which would include only the four major nations and a suitable number of other nations elected annually by a fully representative body.

### Early Denies Edison Quit 'Just In Time'

WASHINGTON, July 18 — Presidential Secretary Stephen Early has discounted charges by Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City that ex-Gov. Charles Edison of New Jersey was about to be dismissed from the Roosevelt cabinet in 1944 when Mr. Edison resigned as Navy Secretary to run for the governorship.

Mr. Early said, "I think I would have known it if he was, and I did not know of it and never heard of it." The secretary's statement answered Mr. Edison's request for refutation of Mayor Hague's charges made to New Jersey Democratic leaders Tuesday.

### Stimson Completes Tour In Normandy

SHAFF, July 18—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson has completed a visit to the American sector of the Normandy front, it was disclosed today. The trip followed a tour of the combat zone in Italy.

Accompanied by Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commanding U. S. troops in France, Mr. Stimson visited units and hospitals in a tour of the beachhead and thoroughly inspected the rebuilding of Cherbourg.

### Bombers For France

AGADIR, Morocco, July 18—The U. S. government delivered to the French Navy two air bomber flotillas in an elaborate ceremony here Saturday. Felix Cole, U. S. consul at Rabat, presided.

### Medal of Honor Awaits Yank Now Held By Nazis

WASHINGTON, July 18 — When Pvt. William J. Crawford, Pueblo, Colo., gets back from a German prison camp there will be a Congressional Medal of Honor waiting for him.

The War Department announced today that the decoration had been awarded the 26-year-old former carpenter for knocking out with hand grenades three enemy machine gun nests which held up the advance of his company.

The action occurred near Alta Villa, Italy, last Sept. 13. The fire of machine guns located on a hill had pinned down Pvt. Crawford's platoon. Without waiting for orders, he crawled forward and silenced the three gun positions relying almost entirely upon the accuracy of his grenade tossing.

Part of the crew in the last nest escaped the grenade blast and started running, but Pvt. Crawford leaped to their position and swung the undamaged German gun upon its former operators. He was captured a few hours later.

### Monty Confident War Will End This Year

LONDON, July 18—General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, AEF ground commander last night added his opinion to the list of those authorities who believe the war may end this year.

"When I spoke to officers on the eve of D-day," he said in a broadcast from Normandy, "I told them that if the Allies did their stuff properly, they would have Germany out of the war this year. I still hold to that."

Monty added that things were going very well in general and noted the great victories on the Russian front where "immense numbers of Germans" were being written off.

### Flashes From France

GENERAL SIR BERNARD L. MONTGOMERY, Allied ground commander, expressed great appreciation for the work of the navy and merchant marine on the successful landings in France. "The Allied navies landed us with amazingly few losses," General Montgomery told Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsey, AEF naval chief.

THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN forced to dilute their best fighting units. Prisoners taken recently include Czechs, Poles and Russians who were scattered through the elite SS corps, once the pride of the German army.

GENERAL CHARLES DE GAULLE's headquarters in a talk over Radio France urged all French officers and non-coms in France to join the French forces of the interior at once.

PRESENCE OF THE U. S. 2ND Division in France is now disclosed. This is the famous "Indian Head" division that took part in the Belleau Wood, Meuse Argonne, and Chateau Thierry actions in France during the last war and was decorated by the French with the Croix de Guerre. It is now commanded by Maj. Gen. Walter Robertson.

IN ONE WEEK—FROM JULY 6 to July 12—the Allies liberated 53 towns in France, it was officially announced.

THREE HIGH RUSSIAN AIR-force officers—the first Soviet representatives to visit France—have expressed their satisfaction with progress in the Normandy beachhead. The general and two colonels were sure that with the gigantic amount of men and material at

their disposal the Americans and British would soon break out and seize more territory.

MANY RUSSIAN WAR PRISONERS escaped from the Germans at La Haye de Puits last week during an American air raid. They told reporters that 2,000 of their number were being sent away at the time the escape was made. They said they were brought to Normandy from Russia four months ago to work on German defense.

ALLIED AUTHORITIES SAY the German soldiers are getting bitter about the inadequacy of air cover. Now that the effect of the flying robots has worn off, the Germans are believed to be sore that so much of the Reich's industrial power was devoted to inefficient automatons rather than good planes to support the ground soldiers.

### Italian Corps Helped Collapse Nazi Front

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, July 18—The Corps of Italian Liberation, made up of units from all branches of the regular Italian army, received credit yesterday in an official statement from the headquarters of General Sir Harold Alexander for gallant work in aiding in "effecting the collapse" of the German central front in Italy in the last five days of May.

"The Italian troops performed many deeds of gallantry, freed large tracts of territory, and captured many prisoners and large quantities of arms," the announcement said.



OFFICIAL ELECTION WAR BALLOT INFORMATION

# SOLDIER VOTING

Important Notice To All Army Personnel

(INCLUDING CERTAIN "ATTACHED CIVILIANS")

GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 1944

**This is the First Poster**

This poster is the first in a series telling how you can vote at the November general election by State of Federal ballot. In most States, President and Vice President, Senator, Congressman, and State and local officers are voted on at the November general election. Watch for these posters.

**You Can Vote**

If you want to vote at the November general election, the Army will do its best to give you an opportunity. To vote, you must be 21 years old (18 for Georgia citizens) by November 7th and otherwise eligible.

**Not Compulsory**

You will be given an opportunity to vote, if the military situation in your organization does not prevent. You do not have to vote unless you want to. You will not be told to vote or marched to the voting place.

**You Must Be Eligible**

Being in the Army does not in itself entitle you to vote. To have an opportunity to vote by State ballot, you must be eligible under the law of your home State. To have an opportunity to vote by Federal ballot, requirements of both State and Federal law must be met.

**State Laws Vary**

It is up to you to make sure that you are eligible to vote by State ballot under the laws of your home State. The next poster will give general information, by States, relative to voting by State ballot. If then in doubt, talk to your Soldier Voting Officer. He will tell you what facts to put in a letter (use V-Mail overseas) to your home State officials in order to get the necessary information.

**State Ballots**

To vote a State ballot, you must get the ballot from your State. Unless prevented by war conditions in your area, a post card will be delivered to you by the Army in time to use it in applying

to your home State for a State ballot. State authorities receiving post card or other applications from eligible voters will mail absentee ballots and instructions to the military addresses shown on the applications.

**When to Apply**

The most effective time for your application for a State ballot to reach the State officials is just before the earliest date the State will send you a ballot. Then the ballot will be mailed to the address shown on your application and the interval will probably be too short for you to have changed your A.P.O. The next poster will give the earliest date on which each State will send out its absentee ballots. These dates vary.

**Federal Ballot**

To vote a Federal ballot, you must get the ballot from your Soldier Voting Officer. He can give you a Federal ballot only if your home State has authorized the use of the Federal ballot and other requirements are met. Voting by Federal ballot will not take place before October. A later poster will give you the full information.

**Voting**

Your commander will see that your vote is cast in secret and that you are not influenced to vote or not to vote for any particular candidate. It is your duty to guard the secrecy and independence of your own and of your comrades' votes. The War Department's policy is complete and strict impartiality.

**Straw Votes Prohibited**

It is unlawful for any member of the Army to (1) conduct or (2) participate in a straw vote or poll on his choice or his vote for political candidates.

**Soldier Voting Officer**

There is a Soldier Voting Officer in your organization. Get the details from him.

War Department, 12 May 1944.

"Attached civilians," under the Federal law, are persons serving with the American Red Cross, the Society of Friends, Women Air Force Service Pilots (Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots), and the United Service Organizations, attached to and serving with the armed forces. They are eligible to vote by Federal ballot when serving outside the United States.

OFFICIAL ELECTION WAR BALLOT INFORMATION

THIS IS THE ARMY'S POSTER telling military personnel and certain attached civilians how they can vote, if they are eligible, in the November election. Posters now on display throughout the theater explain the major provisions of each state's voting law.

## WD To Deliver Ballot Applications To GI Voters First Week In August

All military personnel and certain attached civilians in this theater will soon have an opportunity to make application for state ballots if they wish to vote in the November general election.

While all personnel are free to make such applications at any time, a blanket delivery of postcard applications, supplied by the War Department, will be made to all personnel in the theater during the first week of August, except where military operations do not permit such distribution.

In a few states, however, special action may be required by a prospective voter, otherwise eligible, to protect his voting right.

Any soldier from Arizona, Connecticut, Georgia, Montana, New Jersey, South Carolina and West Virginia who is not sure whether he is registered to vote should write the Secretary of State of his home state inquiring if he is registered and, if not, what steps he must take to become properly registered.

In the case of Alabama, Delaware and Florida, it is necessary for unregistered voters to appear in person for registration. Consequently, overseas personnel not now registered will be unable to vote in November. If there is any doubt on registration, however, the postcard application to be distributed should be filled out and mailed. When the card is received by the state, a blank absentee ballot will be sent if the applicant is properly registered. Personnel from Alabama, Arkan-

sas, South Carolina and Texas wishing to vote and unsure whether their poll tax is paid up should write the Secretary of State of the home state concerning their status and ask what should be done to qualify in regard to the poll tax.

Natives of South Carolina must use a special state application form, which should be obtained without delay from the Secretary of State of South Carolina.

Letters written to states on the above points must contain certain definite and specific information. There is a Soldier Voting Officer in every unit, including company and similar units, who knows exactly how to word these letters.

how they should be addressed and what other procedures to follow. He has been advised by "Soldier Voting Instruction No. 1" issued July 7 by Headquarters, NATOUSA. No one should write to his state until he consults his Unit Soldier Voting Officer on what specific information his state needs to answer individual questions.

Letters written should go V-mail or air mail to facilitate the exchange of all voting material.

The first requirement for soldier voting in all states except Georgia is that the voter be 21 years of age by Nov. 7, the date of the election. In Georgia, the age requirement for voting is 18 years.

## Trapped Coon Hound Safe

MONTEREY, Mo., July 18—Drive, "the best coon hound in southeast Missouri," was rescued Wednesday night from Bottleneck Cave in the Ozark Mountains where he had been trapped for ten days.

The happiest man of the large group which had been dynamiting through a 30-foot limestone wall to reach the ten-year-old hound was Jake Light, Drive's owner.

It was Jake's brother Henry who accomplished the actual rescue. Dynamiters had blasted to within six feet of the hound. Henry poked a bit of meat through a seven-inch natural passage.

Drive, a mighty hungry hound, pressed forward for the meat and Henry dragged him through the narrow opening.

Drive's nose was scratched and his feet swollen. He leaped joyously over Jake and licked the big hillman's face.

An official of the Missouri Humane Society suggested that Drive was suffering from shock and needed a veterinary's care. But Jake said no. "I'll take care of the dog myself," he insisted, "and the day I get him well I'll go out and get drunk to celebrate."

## HOME BRIEFS

### Deaths Of Service Women Since War's Start Total 40

WASHINGTON — More than two score women members of the nation's armed forces have died in line of duty since the start of the war and 76 have been taken prisoners, it was reported Tuesday.

Six Army nurses died in the bombing of field hospitals at Anzio. Army records show that 23 others died in accidents in the performance of duty. One Wac was killed in a jeep accident in North Africa. Seven women Marines died in plane crashes. About 60 Army nurses and 16 Navy nurses became prisoners of Japan when the Philippines fell.

### Prisoner Count

FORT DOUGLAS, Utah—There were 196,941 prisoners of war in the United States on July 1, it was announced by Brig. Gen. B. M. Bryan, provost marshal in charge of prisoner of war activities. He said that this figure included 146,101 Germans, 50,278 Italians and 562 Japanese.

### Poker Game

NEW YORK — Mrs. Florence Dratfield, Brooklyn, admitted after a raid on her home that she was "cutting the pot" in a poker game embracing six other women players, but insisted that the dime which she took from every pot was earmarked for war charities. She was held for appearance in Flatbush court. The six women players, only charged with disorderly conduct, were discharged.

### Radio Cleric

CHICAGO — Radio's well-known "Dr. I.Q." otherwise James W. McClain, has begun his studies at the Seabury Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., toward becoming a priest in the Episcopal Church. When he completes his



DR. I. Q.

work, he expects to take a 25-dollar a week pastorate in a country church deep in the Kentucky hills. During his three-year training for the priesthood, however, he will continue his radio show over 128 stations of the National Broadcasting Company network.

### Negro Nurses

WASHINGTON — The first basic training center for Army Negro nurses has been established at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., the War Department has announced. A medical training center for Negro Wacs has also been established there. The course will lead to commissions. The center is under command of Col. Odian Bousfield, Chicago.

### Condemns Hungary

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Cordell Hull, in a new denunciation of Nazi atrocities in Europe, said that the entire Jewish community of 1,000,000 persons in Hungary had been threatened with extermination, and spoke of the "cold-blooded murder" of the population at Distomo, in Greece. He promised that "inexorable punishment would be meted out to those responsible," and said that the Hungarian government stood condemned before history.

### Doorman

NEW YORK — Lovely Maria Monez, 18-year-old Philadelphia model, has put in her own bid for fame as the first lady doorman on Broadway. Miss Monez took the job in the hope that one of the



COME-ON

many talent scouts who will stroll past the Rivoli Theater daily will tap her for the magic carpet to Hollywood.

### Prof. Truck Driver

HARTFORD, Conn.—A laundry truck driver has been identified as John A. Commons, 53, former University of Wisconsin faculty member who had been listed as missing for 14 years and legally dead since 1938.

Mr. Commons and his former wife, now living in Washington, gave illness as a possible explanation of his disappearance. He told the police his mind had been a "perfect blank" over much of his life since 1930. He was decorated as a World War I hero and is the son of Dr. John Rogers Commons, noted economics writer.

Dr. Commons, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., shook his head in disbelief when told that his son was alive.

### War Songs

MILWAUKEE, W.S. — Composer Sigmund Romberg said today that a global war was just too much for the songwriters, explaining why hit-tune writers have been unable to turn out another "Over There."

"This war is spread out too much for the songwriters to grasp its many phases and pack them into one song," said Mr. Romberg. "Composers did not attain the success of George M. Cohan's World War I hit because a single family may have members separated by the snows of the north and the tropical heat of the South Pacific and the rain and fog of England. How is the songwriter to pack all the climatic conditions and various modes of warfare that result from them into one song that expresses the sentiments the people feel?"

### Ted Powell Denies Service Evasion

DETROIT, July 18—Teddy Powell, 38, New York dance band leader, pleaded innocent here yesterday to a Federal charge that he conspired with a former chief clerk of a New York City draft board to evade service in the armed forces. Powell told U. S. Commissioner J. Stanley Hurd that "the head man of the draft board told me what to do. I didn't think I was doing anything wrong. If he gave me any extensions or deferments—I'll go with the Army tomorrow if you want me to."

Powell's bond was set at 5,000 dollars with examination to be held July 20. The orchestra leader was accused of giving gifts and money to the late John E. Wilson, chief clerk of New York Local Board 20.

Wilson leaped to his death on Jan. 17 from the upper floor of a building in New York where the board was quartered.



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## WPB Orders Aluminum Back Into Nation's Pans

By Sgt. JACK FOISIE

Stars and Stripes U. S. Bureau

NEW YORK, July 18—The War Production Board on Saturday issued the first order of Chairman Donald M. Nelson's disputed four-point reconversion program by releasing aluminum and magnesium for the manufacture of civilian goods. This is the first move toward returning the country's war-gear production to peacetime uses.

Under terms of the order aluminum, of which there is an estimated 3,000,000 pounds on hand, may be used as a substitute for any other metal in goods now being manufactured. Before the war aluminum was used in the manufacture of such articles as kitchen pots and pans, shaving cream and tooth paste tubes and in many household appliances. The order does not mean there will be any increase in the quantity of these goods, but only in their quality.

### ECONOMIC VACUUM

The issuance of the first order again focused the spotlight on the whole war-to-peace production question. Mr. Nelson started the conversion plan fearing that if all industry was kept geared to war until the fighting was over, there would be a period of postwar "economic vacuum" until factories and businesses could shift over to peacetime production.

Directive No. 2 of the program, which is to go into effect July 22, received a setback this week from an unexpected source when representatives of nine major automobile manufacturing concerns rejected the War Production Board's offer to allow them to make experimental models of postwar cars.

Spokesman for General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, Packard, Nash, Hudson, Willys, Crosley and Studebaker told WPB officials at a meeting in Washington on Friday that they couldn't take advantage of the WPB offer because of expanding military demands and a shortage of trained engineering personnel.

A spokesman said they also could not comply with directive No. 3 which invites manufacturers to place orders now for materials and parts still restricted to war use. This directive, effective July 29, is part of a staggered system setting the reconversion program into effect. Manufacturers expressed interest in the opportunity to order machine tools in advance, but were not interested in ordering materials because they said they were not able at this time to gauge their needs for postwar production.

However, Raymond J. Blair, wrote

in the New York Herald Tribune: "According to some WPB officials, the real reason for the automobile industries' indifference to the two reconversion orders is not the extent of their war work. These officials charge that the industry has lost much of its interest—because of statements by Donald M. Nelson that the resumption of civilian goods manufacture cannot wait until all plants are ready to start at once."

Blair credited WPB officials with the statement that there is an unwritten agreement within the industry that all concerns start producing automobiles at once.

The automobile industry's hesitancy to begin making definite plans for reconversion was preceded by some speculations as to what sort of car would be turned out immediately following the war, how many would be on the market and how much they would cost. One of the most authoritative stories came from Walter H. Wagoner, New York Times, who writes that production of about half as many automobiles as were being produced yearly before the war would be authorized for manufacture in the year following X-day—the day the war with Germany ends. Models would be those of cars coming off the production line in February, 1942, when automobile production stopped.

### HIGHER PRICES

The price would be 25 percent above prewar levels due to increased cost of labor requirements, of experimenting to fit new materials into the assembly line and the higher cost of materials.

The fourth point in Mr. Nelson's program is considered by industrialists as the most far-reaching attempts at reconversion thus far. This order, which becomes effective about Aug. 15, would allow certain manufacturers under "spot authorization" to start limited civilian production of articles now prohibited.

In its announcement on the first order, WPB said that control would be retained for a time over aluminum to make sure that enough would be on hand for required war materials. This reservation was made to satisfy opponents of the program, mainly high military and manpower officials who fear that even a limited reconversion at this stage of the war might arouse more "cutback jitters" and cause a rush of war workers to civilian industry.



By Sgt. RALPH MARTIN

Stars and Stripes U. S. Bureau

COLO, Iowa—The three second-hand cars were sitting in the backyard of the big farm underneath the walnut trees. You could tell that the men in the house had gone away because the cars were dusty and rusty, badly in need of attention.

"They're not worth much anymore," said 55-year-old Mrs. Pearl Pointer. "I don't know why I keep them around. I guess it's mostly for sentimental reasons. Because someday my boys will be coming back from the wars and they'll fix up these jalopies, no matter how broken down they are, and before you know it they'll be traipsin' to town on Saturday night with their girl friends, just like they used to. Of course, not all of my boys will be comin' back . . ."

Two of her boys are dead. One was a gunner in a bomber that cracked up. The other was a sailor on a ship sunk in the Southwest Pacific. She has two other sons in the services, one now fighting in France with an infantry outfit and the other with the Navy, address unknown. Still another son, her eldest, is doing a four-man job taking care of two farms totaling 240 acres.

### Daughter Helps . . .

"My boys keep writing me all the time, wondering how Harold and I manage to keep both farms running without any hired hands. Y'see, we've got a lot of cows and hogs and chickens too . . ."

"But the thing is," continued Mrs. Pointer, "that there's more than just Harold and me doin' all the work. I got my daughter here now to help out with the housework while I'm doin' the chores or helpin' out with the hayin'."

Mrs. Pointer drives a team of horses in back of the barn which lifts the load of hay up to the top of the barn.

"Then I've got my daughter-in-law coming around pretty often to drive the tractor in the field. And, of course, if it wasn't for the neighbors droppin' in to help when the goin' was the toughest, then we just wouldn't be able to make out at all. But if it wasn't for the neighbors helpin' out each other all over the country, there just wouldn't be any farms producin' anythin' anywhere."

A baby started bawling in the next room and Mrs. Pointer immediately got up, murmured a soft, "Excuse me please," and hurried out of the room. In a few minutes she was back again, explaining, "That's one of my grandchildren . . . I've got nine of them," she added proudly. "This one is my daughter's baby . . . her daddy is a sailor somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. He hasn't seen her yet . . ."

### 'Kinda Empty' . . .

Her voice seemed to trail off in the distance as she bent her head, trying to smooth an invisible wrinkle from her faded house dress.

"The house seems kinda empty without all the boys around. I feel it most of all when I'm fixin' dinner for everybody. Before the war we used to have a dozen around the table; now we have only six or seven, countin' a few of the neighbors . . ."

But Mrs. Pointer doesn't have much time to get too lonely. She's up long before 6 to do the morning chores of taking the cows out to pasture, milking them, separating the milk, feeding the hogs and the chickens, and making breakfast for everybody. She alternates the rest of the day between housework and fieldwork. Then in the evening there are still more chores to do.

"Before my husband died 17 years ago, he never used to let me do any chores or help out in the field and when my sons were all around, they felt the same way about it," she said. "But with the war on now, things is different. We never used to work Sunday either and now we have to. And the same thing goes for workin' after midnight sometimes. The thing is we just can't get any hired help. Anyway, it's not too hard, once you get used to it."

"Besides," said Mrs. Pointer, "what's the difference how hard we farm folks work as long as it'll bring our boys back a little faster."

## UP FRONT . . .

By MAULDIN



"Go ahead, Willie. If ya don't bust it ya'll worry about it all night."

## Cannon Company Blasts Add To Krauts' Miseries

By Pvt. ROBERT MEYER

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 5TH ARMY—Many a battle-weary German who has felt the pressure of almost continuous shelling by the Allies in Italy probably has asked, "Where in the hell are all those shells coming from?"

Part of the answer to that question is written in the records of a cannon company with the 34th Division. Three 75 pack-howitzers alone in the outfit have sent flying an average of 1,000 17-pound shells a day since the company landed at Salerno Oct. 8, 1943. "And there's lots more where these come from, Jerry," the men are fond of saying every time they touch off an extra heavy barrage.

The trio of guns is manned by "the three dukes from Duluth, Minn.," S-Sgts. Keith Mammola, Rudy Monssas and Rodney O'Donnell. A few days ago they sat in a bomb crater near their guns reviewing the record. Three times within 20 minutes their session was interrupted by firing missions. Each time the crews fired ten rounds each, so German installations a few miles away got knocked, or at least badly shaken, by 90 sizable shells within that space of time.

### BUSIEST TIME

During the brief lulls between firing missions the gunners did some free-lance calculating about how many 17-pounders they had tossed at the enemy during the past nine months.

"I guess we had our busiest time at Cassino," Sgt. Mammola said. "We must have thrown at least 23,000 shells during one week there."

"Yeah, it's a funny thing, though," Sgt. Monssas said. "Maybe the weather had something to do with it, but it wasn't until the other day that the guns got so hot we had to pour water on them. I hope those pictures we took of that come out."

## Free Opera Presented For All Allied Troops

ROME, July 18—As a gesture of appreciation on the part of the Compagnia Italiana Dell'Opera for the support given their operatic season by Allied troops, a free performance of "La Boheme" will be presented at the Quirino Theater at 1800 hours, Monday, July 24.

The cast will include Tassinari, Silveri, Taio and Signorini.

Tickets will be available for all Allied troops at the box office of the Quirino Theater (just off Corso Umberto) between 0930 and 1200 hours on Friday morning. Two hundred seats will be held back for troops on day leave, tickets for which will be available at the box office at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

The men were asked who holds the record for quick firing. "That honor went to Phil Filagmono back around Cassino," Sgt. O'Donnell said. "He touched off ten rounds in 21 seconds, and, buddy, that's some firing!"

### TELEPHONE RINGS

Just then the field telephone rang for the third time. T-Sgt. Lester Mazelin, Monroe, Ind., section chief, gave the signal and the gunners returned to their posts. He shouted directions in clear, crisp tones, closing his remarks with, "Fire when ready." From the expressions on the faces of the crews you could tell that something had happened, or was about to happen. Sgt. Mazelin noticed this and said, half impatiently:

"Okay, okay, it's a new target; so get firing!"

But actually, the sergeant was pleased, because just before the howitzers barked he added jubilantly, "Hot damn! The krauts must be hauling tail again!"

## WHAT'S COOKING

Today

"Eve On Leave," ENSA, musical comedy at 1430 and 1830 hours; Argentina Theater near Piazza Venezia. No tickets required.

All-GI show "Stars and Gripes," Eliseo Theater, Via Nazionale. Performances 1400 hours and 1900 hours. No tickets required.

ENSA Super-Cinema, Via Nazionale, continuous performance, "Bridge of San Luis Rey," beginning 1100 hours. Last performance about 2000 hours. No tickets required.

Red Cross Movie House, Piazza Barberini, performances at 1500, 1700, 1900 hours; "The Perfect Snob."

Augustus Theater, Corso Vittorio Emanuele, continuous performances 1000 hours to 2000 hours; "Frontier Badman."

Enlisted Men's Red Cross, Borghese Gardens; U. S. Army Rest Center Orchestra at 1800 hours.

GI Restaurants open 1130-1430 1800-2030 hours:

American Nurses' Restaurant—7 Via Parma.

Ristorante Roma, 38 Piazza Poli.

Ristorante Amedeo, 17-19 Via Fabio Massimo.

Ristorante San Carlo, 120 Corso Umberto.

American Officers' Restaurant—Rupe Tarpea, 13 Via Veneto.

Air Forces Rest Camp Restaurant—Largo Theater Vale, 1100 to 1930 hours.

## Stewart Promoted

LONDON, July 18—Lt. Col. James Stewart, former movie actor, has been appointed chief of staff of a Liberators combat wing, it was announced today by Maj. Gen. Jorgen James Hodges, commanding officer of the 8th Air Force Liberator division.

## ...MAIL CALL...

### Radio Continuity

Dear Editor:

In your 11 July issue a letter appeared signed by T-Sgt. Bataille. This letter regarded the "wonderful radio entertainment" provided by "Sally from Berlin." The letter also stated, "Her good hep music and humor is about the only American program we can get and we sure enjoy it." We beg your pardon, Mr. Editor, while we direct the remainder of this letter to the sergeant.

Sgt. Bataille, this is a challenge. A "slap in the face" a surprise all rolled into one. You see our job is supplying good radio entertainment (American style) to the troops in the forward areas. We have been in business for quite a time now (since the Allies started changing Jerry's ideas about staying in Italy). At the present time we are operating on 1530 kilocycles, 196 meters. Our 16 and one-quarter hours of daily programs, including the widest variety ever offered by a single radio station, seems to be

satisfying the majority of the men at the front as warranted by their many letters and comments.

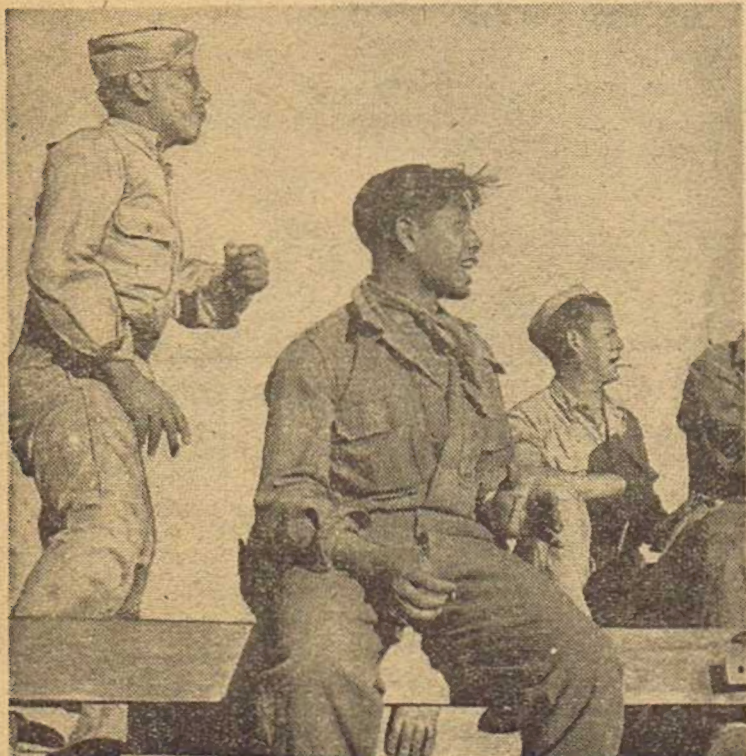
The staff of the 5th Army Mobile American Expeditionary Station, which follows right along with the 5th Army in its drive up the Italian Peninsula, is a funny bunch. When a listener isn't satisfied with a program or the way it is presented or anything else which concerns the station, directly or indirectly, well, doggone we do something about it so that it will be right. This station belongs to the GIs and we only run it for them. It is our job to produce the kind of radio entertainment you guys want.

Your suggestions, criticism or ideas will be welcomed by this station, sergeant, and I know any of the other eight American Expeditionary Stations, located throughout Africa, Italy, Sardinia and Corsica will welcome comments.

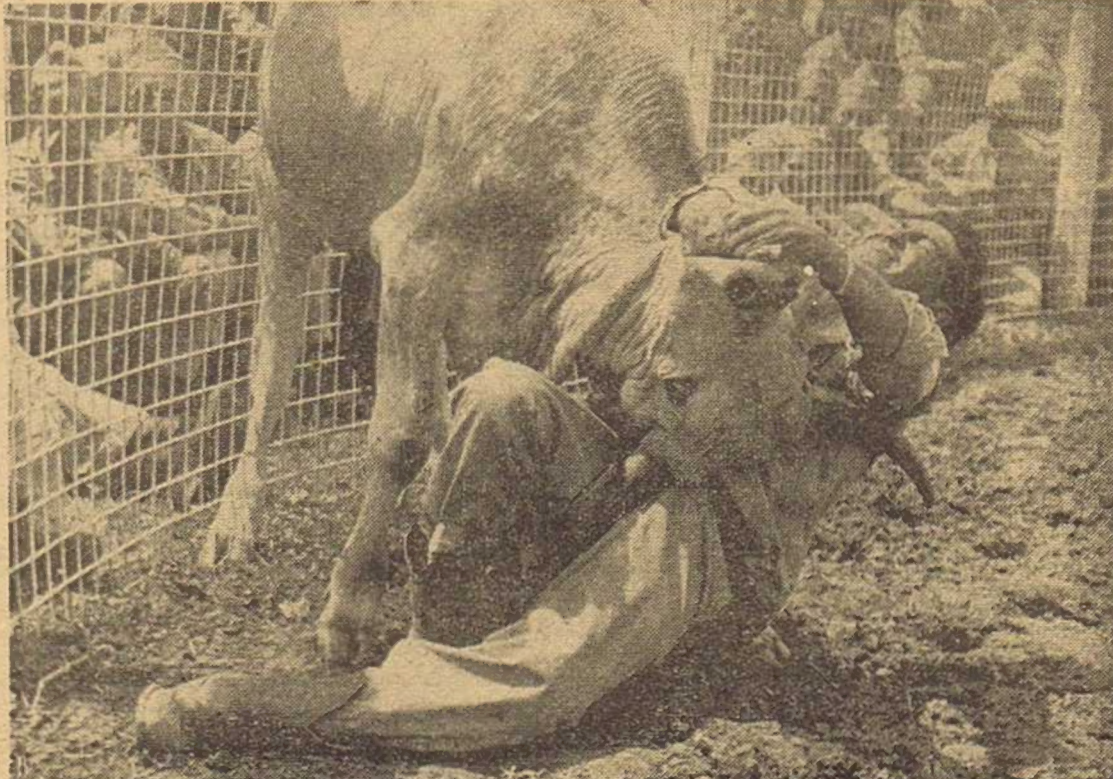
Drop in to see us if you are ever around our way, in the meantime . . . good listening.

—The Staff, Mobile Unit, AES





EVERY RODEO needs an Indian around for color, and Pvt. Virgil Cook, descendant of the Omaha tribe from Decatur, Neb., cast a critical eye on the doings of the GI cowboys.



PVT. WALTER PADIA, a buckaroo from Salinas, Calif., was one of the "stars" of the show. Here he tries his luck at bulldozing a steer, using the old head-twist.

## Wal, Waddy Know, Podner! This Hyar Wuz A Real Rodeo

FOGGIA—It was roundup time in Italy last week, with the Air Forces pooling their talents for a high-falutin', rip-snortin' rodeo complete to bowlegged cowboys and ten-gallon hats, chaps, boots and spurs and even a silver-handled six-shooter.

This colossal shindig was conceived by a lowly GI, Pvt. Hubert W. Britt, of Palacios, Texas. Pvt. Britt dropped in one day to see Ted Seidel and Bob Carnes of the Foggia Red Cross and convinced them that the only way to make all the western boys happy would be to stage the first big-time rodeo in Italy. Seidel, formerly of the

State of Washington, knew what he was in for when he said okay. The job would require plenty of sweat and hard work, but he gathered up a gang of GIs and had them put on detached service to the Red Cross.

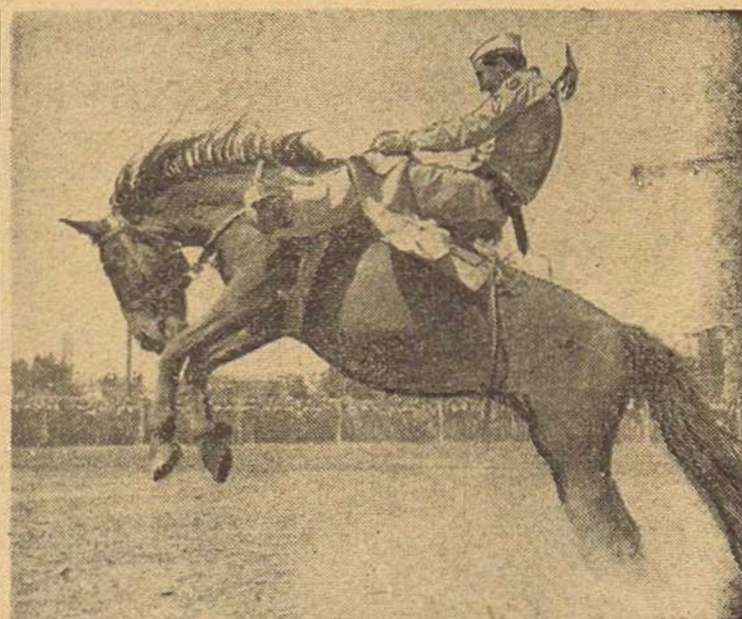
To 1st Lt. Robert L. Vaughan, Lebanon, Oregon, fell the task of rounding up the 225 head of bucking brones, mules, wild steers, cows and calves. Italians were suspicious when Lt. Vaughan asked if he might borrow their livestock. Coming from an American serviceman the request could mean only one thing, a barbecue, even though the Italians didn't call it by that name.

And in the end, Lt. Vaughan and a couple of other western ranchmen took to giving previews of the contests. The Italians were so delighted with these private exhibitions of bulldozing, bronc and steer riding and calf roping, that they gladly loaned their animals free of charge "to help the Allies to victory."

The British also cooperated by loaning 30 wild mules and 20 of the racing variety, and went even further by making several saddles to order. The Britishers took great pride in their contribution and evidenced it when two of the officers of a British remount unit rode their horses in the opening parade. One British boy, Fred Selley by name, was given a silver loving cup as the "competest" competitor.

The Air Forces weren't the only outfits represented. Some boys came from 5th Army combat outfits while three gents flew in from Cairo but missed the deadline for entries.

Statistically speaking, the animals consumed 15 tons of hay and six tons of feed, while 60,000 soldiers saw the show in six performances.



BUCKIN' BRONCS AND SNORTIN' STEERS were part of the first Yank rodeo to ever play Italy. Acting on the suggestion of Pvt. Hubert W. Britt, Palacios, Texas, Red Cross Program Director Ted Seidel put on a jam-up show.

(Staff Photos and Text by Pvt. Martin Harris)

## Forgotten Sergeant Pulls Three-Week Guard Tour

By Pfc. BLAINE JOHNSTONE  
Special to the Stars and Stripes

WITH THE 5TH ARMY—"To quit my post only when properly relieved"—these eight words burned in the mind of Sgt. James Wright, Raywick, Ky., as he feasted on the C Rations he was guarding near a small Italian town.

For three weeks, day and night, he sat in the barn that contained 600 cases of chow, waiting to be properly relieved. In the meantime, unknown to him, charges of desertion were being considered against him by his commanding officer.

It was on the night of a big Allied push in Italy, when Sgt. Wright, a member of the 85th division, suffered a nervous condition due to shock and was sent to a rear area to recover. He was posted as guard.

As the Allies advanced, so did the supply and other support units which were in the rear. But for some reason the 600 cases of rations and Sgt. Wright were forgotten. Days passed and then weeks, but no relief or word came.

Many times he considered making his way to the front line to join his unit, but each time his conscience forbade him, reminding him of his duties as a guard not to desert his post.

Three weeks passed and Sgt. Wright learned he was more than 100 miles behind the front lines, and still no relief. The rear echelons were moving up. He was the only American so far back. He had had enough of rear guard duty and C Rations three times a day for three weeks.

Sgt. Wright dashed off a note to his commander by the first passing vehicle, informing him of his plight and his desire to be relieved of his duty.

An officer was sent out to investigate the case, since the sergeant was considered absent without leave.

After the investigation, Sgt. Wright was commended for his patience and devotion to duty, then promoted to sergeant from his rank of private, first class.

## Poletti Orders Start Of Vast Public Works

ROME, July 18—Orders have been issued by Col. Charles Poletti, Regional Commissioner, for the immediate starting of a series of public works within the city of Rome, for which 25,300,000 lire has been appropriated. The program's primary object, said Col. Poletti, will be to employ a great part of the numerous unemployed within the city, and to assist in the city's return to normal life.

Works approved are those that can be done without construction materials. They include the removal of debris from streets that were hit by air bombardment, repair of city parks and garden trails and the removal from the bed of the Tiber of the iron girders of the Magliana and Tor Bocciano bridges.

## U. S. War Output Lags Eight Percent

WASHINGTON, July 18—Under-scoring warnings that the nation must go slow in resuming civilian production, the Army declared today that war production fell 400,000,000 dollars, or 8 percent, behind schedule in the April, May and June quarter. Acting Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson said the lag was due mainly to manpower problems.

Manpower is one of the chief factors behind the Army-Navy opposition to WPB Chairman Donald Nelson's partial reconversion program which goes into staggered effect beginning today. Mr. Patterson remarked that there seems to be a "prevalent but grossly mistaken feeling that the war is about over."

Under the "reconversion in miniature" program set forth by Mr. Nelson the manufacture of civilian goods will be permitted only in plants which have a surplus of labor and materials.

Mr. Patterson declared: "There's only one manpower pool in the nation. A great part of this, of course, now is in the armed forces and the remainder is needed to man war plants to produce essential civilian supplies and to carry on essential services such as laundries and electric power plants."

## Gail Patrick's Husband Out Of Navy Doghouse

MIAMI, Fla., July 18—Actress Gail Patrick and her bridegroom, Navy Lt. Arnold Dean White were reunited today after Lt. White's commanding officer, Lt. Cmdr. H. F. Webster removed restrictions which confined him in bachelor quarters. Lt. White was restricted for ten days for going to Jacksonville Tuesday without leave, in order to marry the actress. Cmdr. Webster reviewed the case and decided the "circumstances were sufficiently extenuating" to release Lt. White after reducing the punishment to five days.

## Royal Navy Broke Nazi Sea Attempt

LONDON, July 18—Fighting in the dark, often at point blank range, ships of the Royal Navy outmaneuvered and completely defeated German destroyers and other warships which tried to break into the landing areas on the British sector during the first three weeks of the landings in Normandy, it was officially disclosed today.

Not a single warship succeeded in piercing the Allied lines and the build-up of land forces was able to proceed without hindrance. More than 50 British naval vessels—fleet destroyers, Hunt class destroyers, corvettes and other light coastal forces—took part in the engagements, some of which lasted only a few seconds, while others went on for nearly an hour. At one time the British Navy patrolled so close to Le Havre that the harbor lights could be seen with the naked eye.

## San Gimignano Art Not Damaged Badly

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, July 18—The historic art shrine of San Gimignano is not as badly damaged by Nazi shelling as first believed, Capt. Deane Keller, New Haven, Conn., disclosed today.

Capt. Keller, who is an Allied Fine Arts Commission official, indicated that the frescoes of Gozzoli and Ghirlandaio, the sculpture of Benedetto da Maiano and Jacopo della Quercia and the painting by Pollaiuolo are safe and undamaged in the civic museum.

Although some of the historic 13 towers of the town were hit, they are all standing, Capt. Keller said. No damage was reported to the library and archives, and the two old gates to the town, Porta San Giovanni and Porta San Matteo.

Workmen already are busy giving first aid to the slightly damaged choir in the San Agostino church. They are strengthening the roof and boarding up the windows against possible further damage to frescoes or perishable objects.

Officials have placed the town off limits, it was explained, to guarantee preservation of monuments and to safeguard properties against looting.

## Hotels Taken

LOS ANGELES, July 18—The Army opened legal proceedings today to take over Santa Barbara's three top hotels, the Biltmore, Miramar and Marmonie, for redistribution centers for ground force soldiers home from overseas. Hotel officials said the action came just when the vacation season was in full swing.

## Engineer Pleads Guilty Of Threatening FDR

ST. LOUIS, July 18—Frederick W. Held, 51, mechanical engineer, pleaded guilty last week to charges of sending a threatening letter to President Roosevelt. He was sentenced to six months in jail by Federal Judge Rubey M. Hulen but placed on probation. He explained he was drunk and followed the letter with "abject apologies."



## LEND ME YOUR EARS

BY JIM BURCHARD

ROME, July 18—When a professional beak buster hangs up his gloves and decides to earn his groceries along orthodox lines, it is virtually impossible to determine which field of endeavor he will select.

Some try the stage, such as John L. Sullivan in his noted play, "Honest Hearts And Willing Hands." Many reformed box fighters open restaurants or bars, and some invest heavily in real estate. Quite a few wind up in the bread line. It remained for Mickey Walker, however, to write retirement history. His choice of post-punching labor really draped his old pals over the ropes.

Walker, famed as the "Toy Bulldog" of fisticuffs when he ruled the middleweight roost, has become an artist. Yes, he actually paints pictures. His latest, hanging in Mandel's Loop store, Chicago, is titled "December Masquerade." It features farm buildings, fresh snow and a Santa Claus about to mount a ladder.

Walker the Artist . . . Bulldog turned Pomeranian!

Old-timers viewing that masterpiece in Mandel's emporium probably give one look at Santa and then the scene fades. It is replaced by another, where hot arc lights above the ring melt the snow and a pug-nosed, scowling gladiator of the old school smashes a foe into oblivion.

Walker the Fighter! There was a mighty man, indeed, a promoter's gold mine. He and Tommy Loughran opened Paddy Harmon's seven-million dollar dream Stadium in Chicago. Walker lost, but put 50,000 bucks in his pocket.

It was in Chicago that Mickey put on his famous brawl with Kingfish Levinsky. He was knocked flat in the first round, got up and



clinched until the bell. In his corner, groggy and dazed, he said to Manager Jack Kearns: "There's two guys in that corner."

"Well, knock 'em both out," said Kearns.

Walker couldn't do that, but he won in a walk.

The mere mention of Harry Greb is enough to launch Walker into a great burst of oratory. In his tavern on 49th Street, just across from the Garden, the Bulldog frequently sang the praises of his old rival. He'd say:

"Greb, there was a man. That 15-rounder with Greb at the Polo Grounds in 1925 was the toughest fight I ever had. They gave him the decision but I thought I won."

"After the fight I headed for a Broadway spot to drown my sorrow. There was Greb, sitting at a table gobbling lobster. He insisted I join his party. We danced and drank, and we were the last to leave. Neither of us mentioned the fight, but out on the sidewalk Greb grabbed me by the neck."

"Just to show you I can lick you anytime, anywhere, I'm going to pound your ears off right here," he said. So we went at it hammer and tongs. A cop came over with a night stick in his hand. I yelled, 'Don't hit us. I'm Walker and this is Greb. We're just having a little fun! Greb was still trying to land a haymaker when I got him a cab.'"

Imagine! Two million-dollar babies doing their stuff on the street without a paying customer in sight. Old Tex Rickard heard about that and practically swooned.

The next morning Walker's phone rang. It was Greb on the other end. "I'm sorry about last night," said Harry, "but don't forget I can lick you anytime."

Walker, laughed, and said, "I guess maybe he could at that."

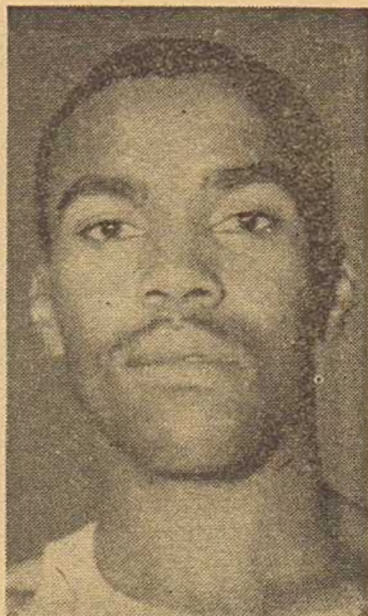
Before he quit the ring, Walker had his share of headaches—mostly wife trouble. He lost all his dough. His tavern was a flop, so he's now seeking fame and cash in art, painting landscapes instead of black eyes.

At least, say his old pals, he's still putting them on the canvas.

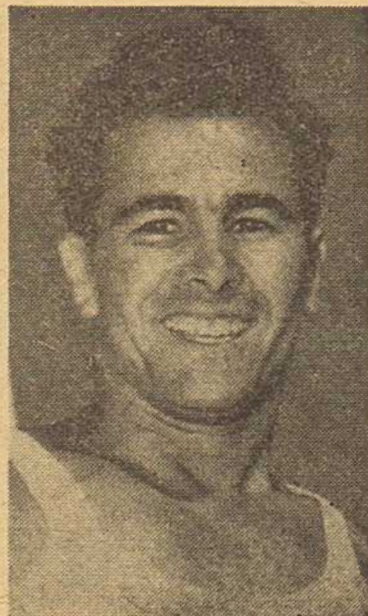
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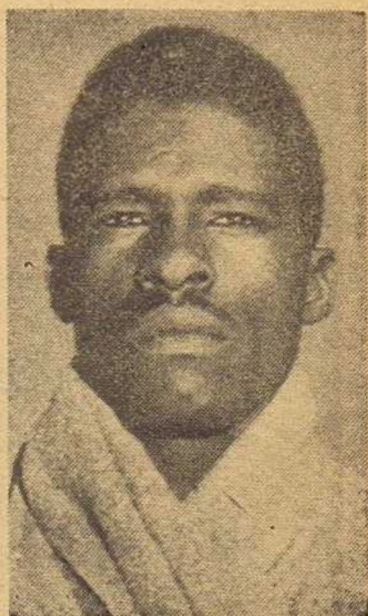
THE ALLIED TRACK and field championships are over, but just in case you weren't at the Foro d'Italia to see the fun, here are four of the outstanding performers as they looked just after winning. On the extreme left is



Lt. (j.g.) Walter Mehl, old Wisconsin star, who grabbed the 1,500-meter event. He came through despite a charley horse. Next to Mehl is Pfc. Richard Ford, whose victorious time of 11 seconds flat in the 100 meters was



only eight-tenths off the world mark. Third in line is a Frenchman, Brig. Gen. Jean Ray, who led all the rest in the 200-meter hurdles. Fourth and last is the outstanding star of the meet, Pvt. Willie Steele, 5th Army. He



was the only double winner, taking the broad jump and high jump. He also finished fourth in the 110-meter high hurdles.

Staff Photos  
By Grayson B. Tewksbury

## A's Want Chapman, But Piedmont Club Bosses Won't Sell

RICHMOND, Va., July 18—Executives of the Richmond Club in the Piedmont League ball club rejected an "attractive offer" made by the Athletics for Manager Ben Chapman. A former star outfielder for the Yankees, Senators, Red Sox and Indians, Chapman joined the Coits in 1942 as player-manager after 12 years in the big show.

Last year he tried a hand at pitching, doing fairly well. This year, however, he became a regular starter and has a record of 13 games won and three lost.

Owner Eddie Moers said he believed selling Chapman would be an injustice to Richmond fans but added "If the majors are interested in Ben now, they'll still want him later and undoubtedly he'll be grabbed as soon as the Piedmont League's season ends."

Chapman told sports writers he'd like to get into a higher grade competition and it would be nice "If I could hook up with some club in the Southern Association circuit, especially one not far from my home in Montgomery, Ala."

## Twilight Tear Romps To 10th Straight Win

CHICAGO, July 18—Calumet Farm's sensational Twilight Tear, queen of the American turf, won her tenth straight race at Washington Park closing fast to triumph by a length over Pensive before a Ladies' Day crowd of 17,500.

The filly's time for the mile was 1:36.5. Appleknocker finished third and Challenge Me wound up in fourth and last place. The race was run without any wagering.

## Champ's Body Found

BABYLON, N. Y.—The body of Frank J. Ward, world's squash tennis champion of 1942-43, was found today in a wooded section in North Babylon, Long Island.

## Standings In Majors

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	48	37	.565
New York	43	36	.544
Boston	43	40	.518
Washington	41	41	.500
Cleveland	40	44	.476
Detroit	40	44	.476
Chicago	36	41	.468
Philadelphia	37	45	.451

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	54	23	.701
Pittsburgh	41	33	.554
Cincinnati	44	36	.550
New York	39	41	.488
Philadelphia	34	43	.442
Chicago	32	42	.432
Brooklyn	34	45	.430
Boston	32	37	.405

## Achtung, 5th Army Fishes; Swim Prelims Later In July

ROME, July 18—With the foot-beats of the Mediterranean Theater's cindermen hardly gone from Foro d'Italia, plans are now shaping up for the swimming championships which will be staged here under the supervision of the U. S. Navy in August.

Although forced to be content with fifth place in the track finals, 5th Army warriors are undaunted and feel that the tank festival may offer the big opportunity to get back in the win column on the Allied sports slate.

Lt. Mike Kosteva, who handled zone eliminations for the track meet, will also direct the swimmers. He has announced that zone finals will take place at the Foro near the end of the month.

To give entrants a chance to work into shape, arrangements have been made to billet them at a rest center from July 22 on. Commanding-officers of all units in the zone area have been authorized to issue orders placing men on temporary duty with the Rest Center for the duration of the meet.

Entries are to be submitted to 5th Army Special Service Officer, or to Lt. Kosteva and Sgt. Chuck Siczekowski, both of whom will be at the Foro on July 22 to receive applications.

Here are the events, for each of which two competitors will be named to represent the zone: 100, 200, 400 and 800-meter free style; one-mile free style; 100-meter backstroke; 200-meter breast stroke; 300-meter medley; 300-meter medley relay; 400-meter relay; three-meter dive; 10-meter platform dive; long distance swim.

## Jamaica Double Returns Season's Record Payoff

NEW YORK—The largest daily double payoff of the season was registered at Jamaica and delighted 23 horseplayers who held the winning combination. The two dollar mutual ticket on Toy Bomb, Maine Chance Farm, and Mrs. C. V. Whitney's Flying Son returned 3,003 dollars and 80 cents. The record payoff for New York tracks is 3,888 dollars passed across the board when Mark o' Bob and Spirit took the combination at Aqueduct in Sept. 1943.

## This Ain't The Old Bull

MEXICO CITY, July 18—Rutilo Morales lost his shoes in a recent bullfight but, like a true toreador, got his bull. Unlike the quiescent Ferdinand, the bull gave Rutilo quite a tussle and, when the toreador took a spill, he came up without one shoe.

Ceremoniously he removed the

## Soccer Just Gentle Pastime In Mexico

MEXICO CITY, July 18—The spirit of Brooklyn pervaded in a soccer game here as Espana defeated Atlante, 6-2, to win the Mexico Cup. It was the hottest match ever registered in the memories of sportsmen and writers.

After the referee refused to expel an Espana player for fouling, fans started bonfires in the stands, tore benches apart and hurled wood on to the field. In general, they were reasonable facsimiles of irate Dodger fans.

When the referee gave a final decision which favored Espana, firemen and policemen were forced to use hoses and tear gas to quell the crowd.

## Ab Thinks New Racers Can Travel 400 MPH

PORTLAND, Ore.—Ab Jenkins, who has set many automobile speed records, is certain he has another record-breaker in "Mormon Meteor," his new two-engine racer. Jenkins believes the car is capable of 400 miles per hour.

Jenkins, the former mayor of Salt Lake City who is now working for the government as an automotive expert, won't be able to try out his four wheel drive machine until after the war. He is certain, however, it will eclipse the record of 368-miles-per-hour set in 1939 by John Cobb, England, on the Bonneville Salt Flats.

## Rams Sign Canadian

CLEVELAND, July 18—Les Lear, Winnipeg football star, signed a contract with the Cleveland Rams, of the National Professional Football League. Lear was the ace of Winnipeg's senior teams for the past five years and was selected All-Canadian guard for the last three seasons. He is 25 years old.

## NL Batting Rivalry Hottest In 13 Years As Musial Falters

NEW YORK, July 18—While the National League pennant race seems to be virtually clinched by the fast-stepping Cardinals, the senior circuit's batting chase is proving to be the most exciting in 13 years. Stan Musial, Red Bird ball hawk whose powerful willow has been largely responsible for the pace-setters' sustained drive, faltered a bit and his position as league leading socker shrunk to .354.

In the meantime, Dixie Walker, Dodger stalwart whose individual performances have succeeded in reducing the number of groans sent up by Flatbush faithfuls, has been steadily climbing and now sports a .353 average. Both Musial and Walker went to bat 305 times as of Sunday, but the Cardinal ace, who won last year's batting crown, made one more hit, 108 to 107. Stan's biggest slump came during All-Star week when he dropped 12 points.

Close behind the two top sluggers is Phil Weintraub, Giant first sacker who has boosted his average to .338. Roy Hughes, of the Cubs, showed the biggest gain, coming up from seventh to fifth with an average of .330.

The way in which the National League boys are pasting the ball bids fair to result in a repetition of the exciting batting duel in 1931 among Chick Hafey and Jim Bottomly, of the Cards, and Bill Terry, of the Giants. When the season was concluded, statisticians had to carry averages to four digits to decide the winner. Hafey finally was named, batting .349; Terry, .348 and Bottomley, .342.

In the American League, the Red Sox continued to monopolize the batting race with Pete Fox on top, slugging at a .329 clip. Bobby Doerr dropped a good deal of late, but still holds the second slot with .327. Thurman Tucker, now benched, remains in third place with a .320 average followed by Bob Johnson, Red Sox, .315. Dick Saibert, of the A's, holds fifth with .314, and Chuck Hosteler, Detroit, ranks sixth, batting .312.

## Standings In Minors

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Montreal	46	36	.561
Baltimore	44	38	.537
Jersey City	45	39	.536
Buffalo	45	39	.536
Newark	43	43	.500
Toronto	43	45	.489
Rochester	38	49	.437
Syracuse	34	49	.410

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Milwaukee	61	27	.693
Columbus	50	31	.617
Toledo	50	33	.602
Louisville	49	37	.570
St. Paul	41	38	.519
Minneapolis	32	52	.381
Kansas City	25	55	.313
Indianapolis	24	59	.289



## LOST AND FOUND

If the following articles belong to you, they can be claimed at the Stars and Stripes office, 152 Via Del Tritone:

Brown alligator wallet, with photos and dog tag stamped Albert Barber, 31253803.

Portable key holder, zipper cased, containing seven keys. Card inside, 2nd Lt. William C. Parker, Jr., O-443780.

Dog tag: Wald H. Colley, 15653896.  
Dog tag: Walter H. Pappin, 12004730.  
Silver bracelet, engraved: "Arnold from Mary," reverse, "A. Burks, 35489463."

### WALLETS

The wallets listed below have been reported lost:

Italian brown wallet, left in the Teatro Imperiale. Contains photos, passes, other important papers. Pvt. Charles D. Tobias.

English wallet, with photos, left in a jeep headed out of Rome. Pvt. Ralph Lazo.

Maroon African wallet, plus 30 dollars, passport, Red Cross identification cards and personal papers. Cpl. Bernard S. Durham.

Brown leather wallet, with 12 dollars in it and other stuff. Cpl. John Schaeppner.

Leather wallet, brown, with officer's identification cards, medical record, wedding ring and money. Lt. A. Bockman.

### ODDS AND ENDS

Left in a British jeep, an ammo pouch containing rolls of 120 film and a few PX supplies. Cpl. Bernard J. Campbell.

Barracks bag, containing Italian souvenirs, lost between Siena and Rome. S-Sgt. Fred Bollinger.

Ronson cigarette lighter, initialed: "H. W. A." Pfc. Hyatt Atherton.

### FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Pvt. Archie Helton, his brother, Pvt. ARNOLD HELTON; Pvt. Edward J. Nutter, Cpl. MELVIN J. GLASIER, brother-in-law; Pvt. Grady C. Patterson, his cousin, FLOYD PATTERSON; T-4 Paul B. Weiner, Pfc. CHARLES PAUL; Lt. W. J. M. Grant, Mrs. ESTHER FREEMAN, ARC; Clarence Hite, Ssc. Pfc. CLARENCE JONES; Pvt. Ralph Lazo, ERNEST STEPHENS, and Pvt. Cecil F. Hill, his friend, Pvt. WILLIAM J. TURNAGE.

## RADIO PROGRAM

### MOBILE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY STATION Fifth Army WEDNESDAY

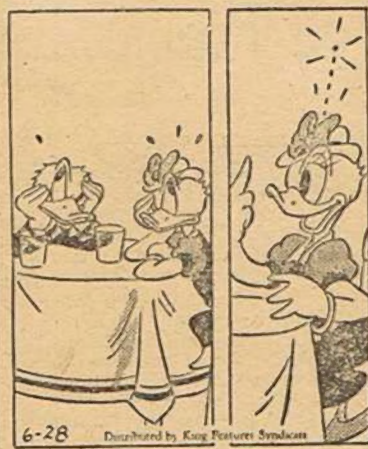
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1:15—GI Jive  
1:30—Polka Dots  
1:45—Novelty Orch.  
2:00—Music of the Masters  
2:30—The Juke Box  
3:00—News (BBC)  
3:15—Hi-Lo-Jack and A Dame  
3:30—The Lone Ranger  
4:00—Radio News Reel (BBC)  
4:15—Eddie Duchin at the Piano  
4:30—News (CBS)  
4:45—Songs by Lena Horne  
5:00—The Rhythm Club  
5:30—Carnival of Music  
6:00—World News (AFRS)  
6:15—Fred Waring Show  
6:30—Mail Call Show  
7:00—Burns and Allen  
7:30—Kay Kyser  
8:00—Ole' Oaken Bucket  
9:00—News Headlines  
9:05—Red Skelton  
9:30—Spotlight Bands  
9:45—News  
10:00—Comedy Caravan  
10:30—One Nite Stand  
11:00—News  
11:15—Musical Tour  
11:55—News  
12:00—Sign Off

### THURSDAY

AM  
6:00—Reveille Revels  
6:30—News (BBC)  
6:45—Reveille Revels  
8:00—News (BBC)  
8:15—Sign Off  
10:00—Sound Off  
10:15—The Bulletin Board  
10:30—Tune Tonic  
11:00—Downbeat  
11:30—Melody Round Up  
11:45—Junior's Jive Session  
12:00—News Highlights  
12:15—Personal Album  
12:30—Music by Kostelanetz

## DONALD DUCK

(Courtesy of King Features)



By WALT DISNEY

## Major Hoople

(Courtesy of NEA)



## Out Our Way

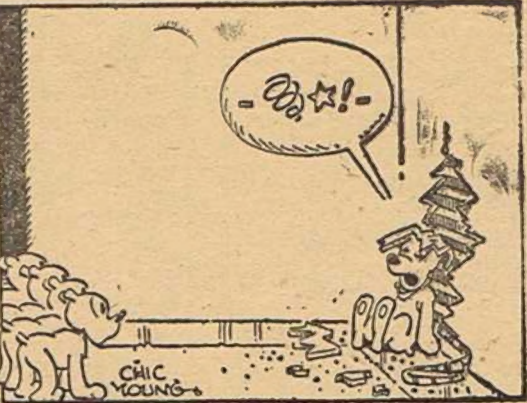
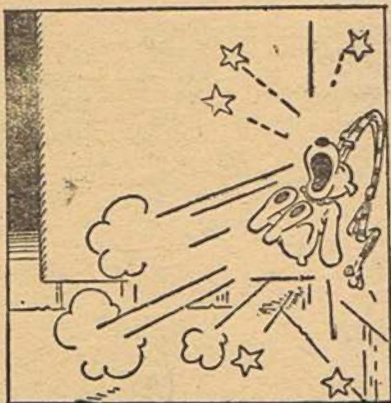
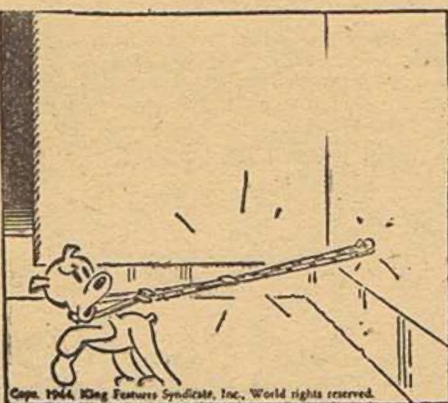
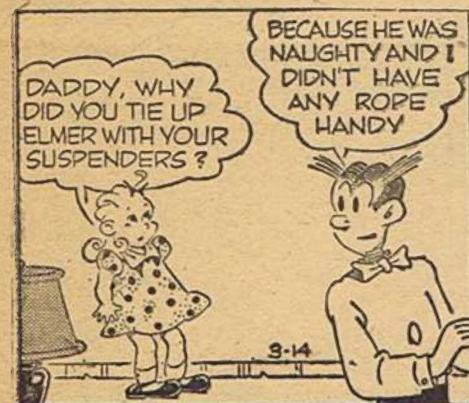
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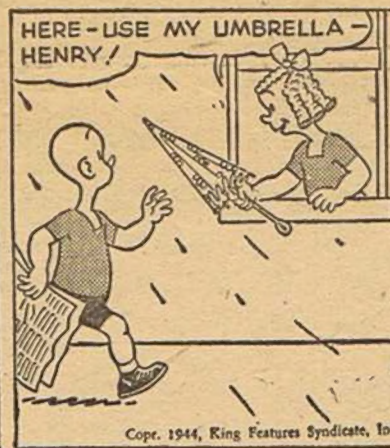
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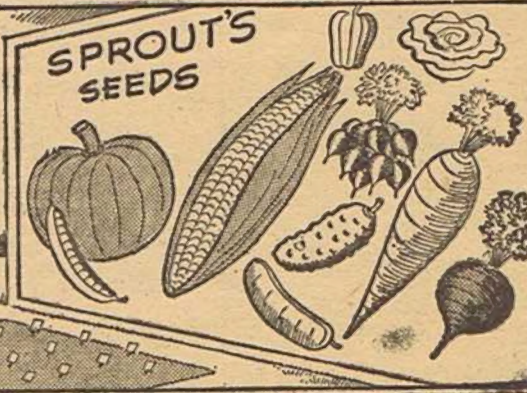
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## NANCY

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By BUSHMILLER



## Newcomer At Top Of '42 Wage Lists

WASHINGTON, July 18—A newcomer, Sidney R. Fleisher, took first place with 645,000 dollars in the first edition of the Treasury's 1942 list of corporation compensation to individuals for personal services.

The report which does not list income from capital or investments includes individuals who received 75,000 dollars or more from corporations for personal services for the calendar year 1942 or for the corporation fiscal year ending in 1943. Issued today in compliance with the internal revenue code, the report lists gross receipts in salaries, commissions, bonuses or other compensation for payment of federal and state income taxes which reduce materially net amounts received.

Fleisher in New York described himself as the motion picture negotiator for the Dramatists Guild selling screen rights for plays. The 645,000 dollars was listed by the Treasury as having been paid him by the Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corporation. He replaces at least temporarily movie magnate Louis B. Mayer at the head of the list.

Mayer, who topped last year's list with 949,765.84 dollars in salary and other compensation from Loew's, Inc., was not included in today's list. Treasury officials explained, however, that supplementary lists are issued annually to include data unavailable for the first edition.

Eugene Grace, president of Bethlehem Steel was second on the list. He received a salary of 180,000 dollars and a bonus of 357,724 dollars for a total of 537,724 dollars, the same as the preceding year.

Thomas J. Watson, head of International Business Machines Corporation, received 100,000 dollars in salary and 326,548.94 dollars in other compensation for a total of 426,548.94 dollars. This was enough to give him third ranking.

In fourth place, despite a reduction of 42,000 dollars from the previous year, came John B. Hawley, Jr., of Northern Ordnance of Minnesota, with 400,000 dollars.

## Wife Of Navy Officer Indicted As Baby-Killer

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., July 18—Mrs. Renee Guy Hatch, 31, attractive blonde wife of a Navy lieutenant now in England, was indicted today for first degree murder in connection with the deaths of her two children, Aldis, 16 months, and Georgette, 3, on July 4.

Arraignment of Mrs. Hatch waits her discharge from Grasslands Hospital where she is recovering from the effects of acid she drank the night the children were slain in their home at Armond.

An autopsy disclosed that the children were strangled.

## LEGHORN

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recent weeks into enemy positions southwest of the large port.

Corps, divisions and regimental guns called in to support Yank infantry on the bald, sun-scorched hills laid down one great rolling barrage and at least five TOTs up until 1630 hours, (TOT stands for "time on target," meaning the firing of the guns is timed to land every shell in the area exactly the same instant.)

Whereas yesterday German artillery was pinning down our troops on the rocky hillsides where digging in is tough, today the biggest trouble was coming from enemy machine guns, pistols and some mortars.

## Creator Of Movies' Sound Effects Dies

SEATTLE, July 18—A voice that has delighted millions was stilled yesterday when Count Gaetano Mazzaglia Cutelli, Italian nobleman credited with creating sound effects for motion pictures, died of heart attack.

Count Cutelli was probably most famed for his "Porky" sound effects in Leon Schlesinger's "Looney Tunes."

## Chicago Set With Franks, Live Donkeys

CHICAGO, July 18—Chicago stadium, where the Republican National Convention was held last month, is getting a few bright touches for the Democratic national conclave which opens tomorrow.

Fifty-six huge illuminated "V for Victory" signs, pictures of 14 democratic presidents and two live donkeys were the principal changes in the general setup for the democrats. The donkeys will be allowed to graze outside the stadium until convention time.

Meanwhile, J. G. Grouzard, general manager of the concessions, expressed hope that he has not overestimated the eating habits of the democrats. He had 50,000 hot dogs prepared for the Republicans but there were 20,000 unsold. He will have a similar number of sandwiches ready for the Democrats.

## Purge of Fascists Under Way In Rome

ROME, July 18—Important steps were taken today in the Fascist liquidation program.

Col. Charles Poletti, Regional Commissioner, dissolved the Fascist body operating the Royal Opera House of Rome and appointed Agostino D'Adama as special commissioner to reorganize and operate it. Col. Poletti also ordered dismissal of four men from executive posts with the Rome Municipal Milk Center.

The Italian cabinet, ending its first meeting in Rome, announced a new unified law for the purpose of liquidating Fascist organizations and punishing their leaders and those who benefited financially by the Fascist regime.

Ex-Fascist ministers and party chiefs will be judged by a special high court empowered to impose the death penalty. Civilians as well as military persons who collaborated with the Fascists and Germans since Oct. 8, 1943, will be tried under Italian military law for treason.

The Bonomi government also nominated a president of the Italian Senate, a body which was abolished by Fascist decree in October, 1943, choosing Marquis Della Torretta, Foreign Minister in pre-Fascist days.

The government decided to recognize armed bands of Italian Partisans fighting the Germans as "an integral part of the war effort of the nation."

## Coal Consumers In U. S. Face Cuts In Supply

WASHINGTON, July 18—A coal deficit of 21,000,000 tons during the coming year will force a substantial cut in the domestic consumer supply this winter, OWI reported today.

Consumers in Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota will be limited to nine-tenths of their normal supply, it was said. A cut of one-eighth will be necessary in New England and the Middle Atlantic states.

The Solid Fuels Administration estimated the bituminous deficit at 16,000,000 tons, and the anthracite at 5,000,000. The shortage was attributed to heavy military requirements and manpower losses.

## L'IL ABNER

(Courtesy of United Features)



## We Hear You Laughing Even As You Read This

Stars and Stripes U. S. Bureau

NEWARK, N. J. July 18—This true to life story about MPs is better than dislikers of MPs could invent. It goes like this:

Pvt. Frank Lavista, military policeman home on a 48-hour pass, was having a fine time rolling on the floor with his 14-months old son, Frank, Jr. They were playing the army version of cops and robbers.

Junior entered wholeheartedly into the spirit of the thing and when Pvt. Lavista showed him how handcuffs worked, he promptly snapped them shut on daddy's wrist.

Lavista roared with hearty laughter and beamed with pride at his son's cleverness. He called his wife Carmella to see him as a prisoner of military policeman, Jr. Then when the handcuffs began to chafe his wrists, the MP told his wife to get the keys out of his pocket and "unlock these things."

Mrs. Lavista found the key all right, but not being as quick to master the handcuffing art as Frank, Jr., she broke the key off in the lock.

Pvt. Lavista managed with MP patience not to roar. He walked to a nearby police station where coppers tried to unlock their army-modelled comrade. But no use. Then Lavista was taken to headquarters where they worked with a lot more keys, but no use.

There was no alternative except to file the cuffs off, a chore that required nearly two hours.

When Pvt. Lavista got back home with only a few more hours of his pass remaining, Frank, Jr. was sleeping the sleep of the just.

## Here's What They Say When They Break News

MOSCOW, July 18—Lt. Gen. Mueller, commander of the 12th German Army Corps, encircled east of Minsk, is reported by Moscow radio to have stated in his surrender orders: "After a week's heavy battles and marches, our position has become hopeless. There is no hope whatever of getting out of here by our own strength. The Russians promise to give medical aid to the wounded and allow officers to retain their side arms and equipment and the soldiers their medals. The Russians ask us to surrender our arms and equipment undamaged and to give up senseless resistance. I order the struggle to cease immediately."

## 50 Italians In U. S. War Prisoners Again

BOSTON, July 18—Fifty Italian prisoners, members of a service battalion, had their status reverted to that of "prisoners of war" as a result of a melee yesterday with Boston police, latest in a series of incidents during the last few weeks, the Associated Press reported.

The 1st Service Command reported the trouble started when "members of an Italian service unit climbed a low fence surrounding their camp with the permission of military police guarding the area to retrieve a soccer ball. One of a Boston police detail keeping civilians away from the area apprehended an Italian and the other prisoners inside the compound started throwing lumber and stones at the policeman."

## General Dies In Crash On Way To Celebration

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 18—Six military men, including Maj. Gen. Paul W. Newgarden, were killed when a plane crashed in a storm while flying from Ft. Knox, Ky., to Camp Gordon, Ga., for a camp review to celebrate General Newgarden's second anniversary as commander of the 10th Armored Division. Another victim was Col. Renn Lawrence.

## President Endorses Wallace On Ticket

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vention must do the deciding and it should. I am sure it will give great consideration to the pros and cons of its choice."

The Associated Press says that new stop-Wallace activity is expected with Byrnes and Barkley classed by Wallace backers as the two bearing closest watching. When the presidential letter was released, Jake More, Iowa State Democratic Chairman and leader in Wallace's state, predicted:

"Wallace will get the nomination on the second ballot. A first ballot nomination is unlikely," he said, "because there may be many votes for favorite sons."

Sen. Joseph Guffey, of Pennsylvania, one of the leading Wallace advocates, said he was encouraged by the letter adding that it would make the renomination "a certainty."

The convention begins Wednesday and is all set to hand President Roosevelt a fourth term nomination. On the temporary convention rolls appear the names of the uninducted 48-vote Texas delegation led by fourth term opponents. The Democratic National Committee placed them there although the pro-New Deal Texas faction is contesting for convention seats.

The credentials committee will decide the Texas controversy and also that between the all-white South Carolina delegation and a Negro group. Both factions are described as favoring a fourth term.

NEW YORK, July 18—Nation magazine reports that Henry Wallace received more than 78 percent of the votes cast in a poll of New York City voters for a choice of running mates for Roosevelt. The poll was conducted by Columbia University's Bureau of Applied Social Research at the request of the magazine, among the lower and middle income bracket voters.

CHICAGO, July 18—Sen. Alben Barkley (D., Ky.), who will make the speech nominating Roosevelt as the Democratic presidential candidate, arrived in Chicago, but made no comment on his chances for vice presidential nomination, the United Press reported.

The UP said it learned definitely that Barkley's name will be presented at the convention.

## Republicans Expect Gains In Congress

ALBANY, N. Y., July 18—Senator Ralph O. Brewster, Maine Republican, told Governor Thomas E. Dewey that there were "good prospects of catching" 12 of the 21 Democratic Senate seats at stake in the Fall elections.

Brewster, one of the five members of the Republican Congressional delegation, conferred with Dewey at a luncheon.

The present Senate consists of 57 Democrats, 38 Republicans and one Progressive. The terms of 21 of the Democrats and 11 Republicans expire this fall.

Representative Margaret Smith, another delegation member, also painted a bright picture of her party's chances in the House of Representatives, asserting, "I think we'll gain 100 seats."

Senator Walter White, minority leader of the Senate, said that he told the governor, "We believe we are going to start the voting with a Republican victory in Maine, and hope that it will be the opening gun for similar successes throughout the country."

SALEM, Mass., July 18—Ellsworth Blenkorn, war worker, got 21 votes in his race for Republican nomination for Congress. His opponent got 936. Blenkorn is considering asking for a recount because he believes he got more than 21 votes.

Fourteenth District returns showed none for him, his own precinct; but Blenkorn is certain of two—his and his wife's.

## Business Mortality Rate Jumps In U. S.

WASHINGTON, July 18—Business "deaths" exceeded "births" by 500,000 in the United States in the two years since Pearl Harbor to the end of 1943, according to a Commerce Department report.

The department stressed the fact that the figures didn't necessarily indicate that the effects of the war on business had been adverse since the business turnover always has been of "startling proportions."

A large number of recent business "deaths" were attributed to the fact that owners found attractive opportunities in war work or were called into the armed services.

## PRUSSIAN BATTLE

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miles northeast of Brest-Litovsk while General Zakharov's armies smashed to within 30 miles east of Bialystok.

In the north Russian armies under General Yermenko were less than one-half mile from the Latvian border after capturing Stolbovo and the stronghold of Sebezh on the railway to Riga.

Fall of Sebezh, hinge for the German army group in the north, increased the threat to an estimated 40 Nazi divisions in the Baltic, German propaganda, attempting to explain away the growing peril to these troops, said the decision not to withdraw these armies must have been due to the belief they were strong enough "to face any eventuality with justifiable prospects of success."

An admission by Berlin radio that street fighting was raging in the Polish city of Belz, 35 miles due north of Lwow, created a stir in Allied circles in London. Although it was unconfirmed by Moscow the report, if true, meant that the Germans had been thrown back across the Bug River, starting point of Hitler's drive on Russia in 1941.

By AL CAPP